

# PERSONAL USE FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-11-11

Issued at: Glennallen, Tuesday August 2, 2011

Effective 12:01 a.m. Monday August 8, 2011  
Date:

Expiration Date: December 31, 2011, unless  
superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order amends the schedule for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River for the period August 8 – August 31, 2011. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 8 until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, August 31. In addition, this emergency order establishes the weekly period from 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 8 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 14 when a supplemental permit for 10 additional sockeye salmon will be valid for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River.

### REGULATION:

Consistent with the COPPER RIVER PERSONAL USE DIP NET SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN, 5 AAC 77.591, the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 8 until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, August 31. During the period from 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 8 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 14 an additional 10 sockeye salmon may be harvested by a permit holder who has already harvested their original permit limit.

Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

by delegation to:

  
Mark A. Somerville  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

Continued strong fish passage past the Miles Lake sonar, projected sonar counts for the remainder of its operation, Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to allow continuous fishing through August 31. During July 18 – July 24, there were 100,393 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 34,039 salmon, which results in a surplus of 66,354 salmon. An excess of more than 50,000 salmon above the preseason sonar projection for this period allows a supplemental harvest of 10 additional sockeye salmon during the week of August 8 – August 14 to those permit holders who have already harvested their original permit limit.

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